

*Celebration for the Life of*



*Gladys M. Gurley*

*September 11, 1931 – October 27, 2014*

Monday, November 3, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

535 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Paterson, New Jersey

**Rev. Barry Graham, Officiating**

## *Reflections of Life*



**Gladys Mae (Spivey) Gurley** was born September 11, 1931 in Marion, South Carolina to the late Curlina (Foxworth) Spivey and Joe Spivey, and resided in Paterson, NJ most of her life.

She attended Marion County Public Schools, and in her early adult life, worked as a homemaker. She loved shopping downtown Paterson, sewing, babysitting all of her grandchildren, and her favorite color was RED.

Gladys was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She was full of life. Gladys married William Morris Gurley, and moved to Paterson, NJ, and from this union seven children were born.

In addition to her parents, Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, William Morris Gurley, Sr.; two sons, James Gurley and Willie Gurley, Sr.; daughter, Doris Ann (Gurley) Hughes, daughters-in-law, Patricia Gurley and Elizabeth Gurley; son-in-law, John W. Bethea, Sr., and nine beloved sisters.

Gladys will truly be missed by all. She leaves to cherish her memories four loving children, William Morris Gurley, Jr., Doretha (Lenaure) Foxworth, Christine Bethea, and Robert D. Gurley, one sister, IsaDora Sams, twelve grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and relatives.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Reflections of Life

Eulogy  
Rev. Barry Graham

Recessional

## **Interment**

Laurel Grove Cemetery  
Totowa, New Jersey



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me,  
for now I'm free  
I'm following the path  
God laid for me  
I took his hand when  
I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Gladys M. Gurley** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You! special thanks the St Joseph's Hospital Staff, and Preakness Healthcare Staff.*

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